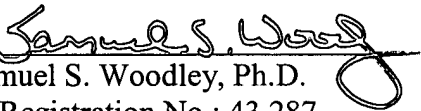


## REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in addition to Applicants Preliminary Amendment mailed on August 21, 2003 for this application (hereinafter referred to as the "First Preliminary Amendment"). Upon entry of that amendment, claims 9, 11 and 12 are pending. In this Second Preliminary Amendment, claim 11 has been amended to recite "a monoclonal antibody to a protein containing an amino acid sequence homologous to the amino acid sequence of ...". Support for this amendment can be found in the application, *i.e.*, at page 9, lines 6-7. Hence, this amendment does not constitute new matter. Entry and consideration of the amendments and the remarks made in the First Preliminary Amendment along with this Second Preliminary Amendment is therefore requested before the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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